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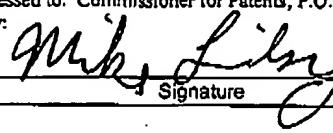
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Dear Examiner Azad:

Thank you for your phone call regarding this application. You stated that you had not received a response to a restriction requirement issued by the PTO earlier this year. As I stated during our conversation, we never received the Office Action. We performed a careful search of our records and docket. We did not find the Office Action or any record of ever receiving it. Accordingly, could you please resend the Office Action and reset the response period. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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